

Rode House
Cherry Springs, Texas.

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RODE HOUSE
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Owner: Mrs. W.W. Kothe, Fredericksburg, Texas.

Date of Erection: 1855

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Dietrich Rode

Present Condition: Excellent

Number of Stories: Three and partial basement

Materials of Construction: Native limestone, cypress, pine and oak.

Other Existing Records: None

Additional Data:

This house of two main floors, attic and partial basement contains four rooms and stair hall on each the first and second floors, a large attic, and a partial basement under the stair hall. The attic was originally used to store feed and grain. There is a two story porch across the entire front, a one story porch across the rear, both of which have been remodeled recently. Stair rail on the outside stairway from the first floor of front porch to the second floor is rather unique in that it resembles a railing on stairs of a steamship.

The timber contained in this house was hauled from Austin, a distance of ninety miles. It was hauled by wagon at a drayage cost of \$10.00 per thousand board feet; twenty five hundred board feet was considered a large load.

The builder Dietrich Rode was a teacher who demanded exact discipline of his pupils, but required no tuition other than work that could be done by the pupils when not in class.

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